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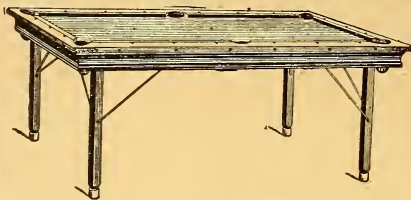
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No. 1

## All Right, Wilbur.

Many powerful sermons are found in commonplace incidents that idle, trivial minds are prone to dismiss without a second thought. We should all of us be constantly on the watch for the great truths to be found in the seemingly unimportant. These reflections are inspired from a story related by a friend who was touring the state of Illinois on a private car with a distinguished number of gentlemen high in the business interests of our city.

It seems that the private car was en route through that section of our commonwealth known as Egypt. The car was proceeding from one city in Egypt to another city in said Egypt, distant about fifty miles. To perform this miracle the car proceeded by way of Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas and California, the railroads in Egypt being fearfully and wonderfully made.

At the uncanny hour of 11 o'clock at night the private car was being switched around Vincennes, Ind., famous in song and story as the former residence of Sweet Alice of Old Vincennes.

Did you, gentle reader, ever travel in a private car? No; then let me explain. People sometimes think that the life of the railroad engineer and fireman and brakeman is a hard, strenuous life, devoid of moments of pleasure and delight. This is largely true, but

there is nothing in life without its compensations.

The moments of pleasure and delight for a hard-working switching crew come when they are called upon to move a private car from one railroad line to another or to put the private car on a nice track, where it will not be in the way of the limited or the cannon ball, but where it can roost in safety while the members of the private car party are riding around the city in automobiles furnished by the citizens' committee.

The switching crew have a game they like to play called hide the private car. It consists in leaping down upon the private car while its occupants are joy-riding and snaking it away to the upper ends of the yards.

If you are a member of a private car party you are perfectly safe in betting ten thousand dollars that when you return to where you left the car and do not find it that the first railroad man you meet and ask will reply, "That car is at the upper end of the yards." Why they do not ever put it in the lower end of the yards nobody knows, but they never do. It is invariably at the upper end of the yards.

To get to the upper end of the yards you have to walk over a fill that is just being filled and through a cut that is just being cut and over a trestle bridge nine thousand feet high and where the cruel night wind sings a hoarse, wild requiem and the fast express is just

due. After you have finally located the private car and your cries for assistance have awakened George, the faithful porter, who is a very heavy sleeper, and strong arms have lifted you aboard the private car, the switching crew, which all this time have been watching you, disguised as hay harvesters, leap for their engine, which they have secreted in a nearby barn, and, bringing it gayly out, they hitch it to the private car and haul it back to the depot. This makes the switching crew believe that, after all, life is not a vacant dream.

But the point of our story is this: That on this particular private car the members of the party were resting from a strenuous day's toil. Some were reading, some asleep in their little berths, and others studying how to beat a jack-full with fives up on treys. Of course, this is hard to do, but it is a most absorbing study.

Such was the peaceful scene within this private car, which was sitting quietly at the upper end of the yards, as all of the party had not yet returned from the city. Suddenly the private car rose from the earth and leaped straight into the air.

Books and bottles of pure spring water went flying in every direction, and two or three important persons tumbled from their berths. A silence followed, a tense, painful silence of half a minute duration, and then a still, sad voice outside the car said, "All right, Wilbur."

It was the voice of the brakeman who was making the coupling. Wilbur was the engineer.

And now comes the sermon of this—what would be to many—trivial incident. A member of the private car party, who had been wounded in the

toe by a pure spring water bottle and another who was angrily disentangling a cup of mustard from his new spring overcoat, were hastily hunting for their safety razors with the intention of rushing out and dissecting the switching crew, when the sweet, mellow voice was heard pronouncing the words, "All right, Wilbur!"

Immediately their wrath fell from them. Who could be angry at a switch engineer named Wilbur? Who could be angry at a brakeman who, when the air was full of hideous cries from the throat of the man who was about to reach over and rake in the fattest jackpot of the evening and suddenly saw it sailing all around the room and mixing up with everybody else's chips, remains gentle and sweet and softly calls out, "All right, Wilbur?"

So the fine-mannered switchman taught the private car tourists a great lesson. Ever after that, in moments of anger or great distress, when tempted to fly into violent passion and take the law into their own hands they would think of the soft-voiced brakeman and calm themselves by repeating his soothing words: "All right, Wilbur!"—*Chicago Herald*.

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### Startling.

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Colonel Henry Watterson, who makes a collection of queer ads. and typographical blunders, says that one of the oddest transpositions of the types that ever came within his observation was in a New York paper that used to print its shipping news on the same page with the obituaries. One morning a long list of respectable names were set forth under the heading, "Passed Through Hell Gate Yesterday."



The figures given below show the daily summary of both activities—statistical and financial operations.

Without exception the associations are in good financial condition, and the 2262 patrons of the buildings each day of the month show that the privileges are appreciated.

Monthly statement of Young Men's Christian Associations on the Boston & Maine Railroad for the month ending December, 1916:

## STATISTICAL.

Association.	Attendance per day.	Baths per day.	Beds used per day.	Meals and lunches per day.	Books drawn.	Attendance lectures and entertainments.	Attendance religious meetings.	Members.
†Troy, N. Y.,	170	14	29	...	26	159	608	308
†Mechanicsville, N. Y.,	75	4	2	...	...	50	115	216
Rotterdam Jct., N. Y.,	143	2	35	125	...	125	70	98
East Deerfield, Mass.,	432	15	69	360	...	600	518	286
‡Springfield, Mass.,	502	70	104	213	109	230	915	611
Boston, Mass.,	373	10	75	158	61	903	1054	1007
Concord, N. H.,	167	14	48	...	37	315	405	540
*Portland, Me.,	175	4	50	174	140	300	487	298
Waterville, Me.,	225	15	41	92	...	...	250	247
Total,	2262	148	453	1122	373	2682	4422	3611

## FINANCIAL.

Association.	From last month.	Receipts.	Total.	Expenditures.	Balance on hand.	Unpaid bills.	Good assets.
†Troy, N. Y.,	\$291.95	\$508.72	\$800.67	\$559.04	\$241.63	\$201.29	\$30.00
†Mechanicsville, N. Y.,	92.13	557.19	649.32	471.96	177.36	261.00	189.00
Rotterdam Jct., N. Y.,	1,733.84	1,469.43	3,203.27	1,390.98	1,812.29	96.00	2,678.65
East Deerfield, Mass.,	46.39	3,632.70	3,679.09	3,278.54	400.55	942.84	2,586.81
‡Springfield, Mass.,	525.35	2,838.15	3,363.50	2,325.98	1,037.52	.....	2,000.00
Boston, Mass.,	619.13	1,432.34	2,051.47	1,736.21	315.26	.....	.....
Concord, N. H.,	586.11	636.20	1,222.31	808.70	413.61	.....	.....
*Portland, Me.,	782.14	476.90	1,259.04	647.51	611.53	533.66	1,803.22
Waterville, Me.,	296.82	621.27	918.09	648.56	269.53	125.00	413.93
Total,	\$4,973.86	\$12,172.90	\$17,146.76	\$11,867.48	\$5,279.28	\$2,159.79	\$9,701.61

Respectfully submitted,

H. O. WILLIAMS,

*International Railroad Secretary.*

† Mechanicsville. D. & H. co-operates.

† Troy.

‡ Springfield. } Three roads co-operating.

\* Portland. M. C. co-operates.

### When Wars Shall Cease.

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War is barbarism; peace is civilization. War means force; civilization, freedom. War makes man a machine to kill his brother; peace makes man a power to lift up his fellow man. War means kingly authority, social aristocracy, feudal lordship over the multitude; peace means equality of rights. War looks backward to savagery; peace looks forward to brotherhood.

War compels innocent men to become murderers, making them devilish, fascinated by criminal atrocities, drunk with the pleasure of blood. The butcheries of wars turn civilization into a slaughter-house.

But the end is not yet. Powder, guns, swords, battleships, bombs, armies, lyddite and dynamite must give way before the presence of the Prince of Peace. War, the monstrous Moloch demon of the devil, that violates and crushes out all rights of life, liberty and happiness, must be abolished by the nations who fear God. Victor Hugo said: "Cannons will one day be exhibited in museums, just as instruments of torture are in prisons and prison ships to-day."

Landseer's celebrated painting was a rusty cannon, with a lamb, in its innocence, looking into the cannon's mouth, as if wondering what the cannon was made for.—*The Christian Herald*.

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The grass widow is sometimes a daisy.

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An ounce of prevention is a good antidote for remorse.

### How About It?

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Seattle, the largest "dry" city in the United States, is held up by the "wets" as a howling example, since it became "dry" January 1, 1916. Everything is going to perdition, if we are to believe the booze papers. Listen to what the "plain citizen" has to say about it all:

"Lacking a day, a year has passed since the dry law became effective.

"During that year the city has gained in population.

"Building occupancy is greater than ever.

"Bank deposits have increased.

"New industries have sprung up.

"More tourists have visited Seattle.

"The amount of taxes to be raised on this year's valuation is less than a year ago.

"Delinquent taxes have been reduced.

"Bank clearings and transactions are greater than last year.

"Postoffice receipts are larger.

"Payrolls have been increased.

"Savings institutions have opened more new accounts and received a greater aggregate of small sums from workingmen than in any other year.

"Merchants have sold more and better goods, and collections have been vastly improved.

"Bond dealers find a new class of investors, and have had the best year ever experienced. Mortgage money is more plentiful in supply than in demand. Seattle to-day is sounder and more prosperous than ever."

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You can nail a lie, but that don't always keep it down. Some chap comes along and pulls the nail out.



Denver's chief of police, Hamilton Armstrong, says:

"Prohibition has emptied our jails to a large extent.

"It has rid Denver of a considerable number of vags and petty crooks, who formerly made the saloons their hang-out.

"It has decreased the number of divorcees in Denver, and will, in my opinion, continue to have an even more beneficial effect on this evil.

"It has taken thousands of dollars into Denver homes that would have been spent for beer and whiskey if the saloons were operating.

"It has cut down the number of murders and suicides.

"It has done away almost entirely, with the street fights that used to be daily occurrences and, likewise, it has operated to minimize the number of family quarrels that yearly come to the attention of the police department.

"It has sent many a child to school this winter, warmly clad and happy, who, in past winters, has either been compelled to stay at home because of insufficient clothing or go to school practically in rags.

"It has brought peace of mind, happiness and some degree of prosperity to numbers of wives and mothers, heretofore harassed by the knowledge that husband or son was spending his nights—and his money—in some saloon or café, to his physical, mental and moral detriment.

"Denver used to be considered the best city of its size in the country for police news. Now it is running a race for the distinction of being the worst."

The only fruit some people seem to like is the apple of discord.

## Shop Notes.

W. H. Beane, of the car department, is a regular attendant at the state house and is keeping a close eye on any legislation which may come up regarding the use of automobiles.

Representative Holbrook, of the cab shop, is at work on his maiden speech. We'll all be there, Percy.

John Kelton visited the home of his childhood at Rehobeth, Mass., last week.

Frank Vinton is a regular week-end visitor to the "Hub" these days. Wonder why?

W. A. Gilpatrick has been on the sick list for some time and now the other members of his family are all ill. We miss him from the shop meetings.

Charles Sennett and John Johnson recently put a new running-board on the "roof." Charles said it was rather cold waiting up there.

Proctor Hayward, of the timekeepers, is on the job again after several days gripping.

Fred Valia has been out of the mill-room and on the sick list.

Arthur H. Pembroke took a tumble off the staging, laying him up for repairs.

J. A. LaTouche, who slipped and broke his elbow recently, is out of the hospital and spending a few days at home.

Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, of Suncook, will give a series of four talks in the mill-room this month.

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## Here and There.

Remember the firms who advertise in our paper.

We are glad to see so many of the new members using the privileges of the building. Keep coming, boys; the more, the better.

Billiard tournament, open to all members of the Association, starts February 5th. Sign up at the desk. Will hold the list open for entries as long as it will not interfere with play in the second series.

The bowling tournament opens on the same date. There will be sixteen two-men teams, as follows, representing their various departments: Freight Yards No. 1 and No. 2, Firemen No. 1 and No. 2, Freight Offices, Timekeepers No. 1 and No. 2, Engineering Offices, Trainmen, Stores Department, Freight Shops No. 1 and No. 2, Blacksmiths

No. 1 and No. 2, Machine Shops No. 1 and No. 2.

Money taken in from both tournaments, after deducting the pin-boy's pay, will be spent for new, up-to-date records for the Victrola. A suitable case is to be provided, and the records kept in the office when not in use.

Shop meetings this month have been unusually interesting, and a special series is being arranged for the month of February. It is hoped that Rev. J. K. Craig, of Suncook, will give the series of talks, and that a quartet from the shops will be present once each week to add to the interest.

An improvement of special interest to a number of men who use the building will be the space that is to be fitted up for boxing and wrestling. A space 15 x 20 feet is available, and is to be boarded up on three sides, and a cork and canvas covering put over the cement floor.

The twenty new steel lockers have finally arrived and will be ready for use by February 10.

## Round-House Items.

W. J. New and Walter Hackshaw went to hear Billy Sunday with the B. & M. delegation on January 11.

J. Wesley Ham is reported to be on a buttermilk diet nowadays.

The boys were all glad to see Charlie Bresnahan back on the job again.

J. W. Hyland is rapidly acquiring fame as a possible "white hope" and the engine-house crew are ready to back him against all comers.

The following interesting facts are gleaned from the annual review number of *Association Men*, and shows:

The record of work of the Young Men's Christian Association "In Every Working Hour of the Year."

*Every Work Day of 8 Hours.*

3.3 Employed officers enter Association work.

2.7 Employed officers drop out.

91 Shop meetings are held.

20,100 attend Religious meetings and Bible classes.

51 Educational lectures and practical talks given.

\$33,400 paid for Association endowment and building funds.

\$46,600 of debt on Association property is contracted.

\$45,100 given for total local current expenses.

*Every Hour.*

11 professed conversions reported.

65 different men and boys in Bible classes.

\$117 spent in religious work.

35 different men and boys in educational classes.

17 socials and receptions held.

26 situations are secured.

21 visits to sick made.

2 Missionary sessions are held.

42 Physical examinations are made.

*Every Minute.*

3 men use Physical department privileges.

\$6.53 paid in tuition fees for education.

\$5.47 deposited for safe keeping in army and navy associations.

45 attend educational classes, lectures, talks, clubs, etc.

5 memberships are secured to Association.

\$3.24 given for International Foreign work.

\$2.31 given for International Home work.

\$2.57 given for State and Canadian work.

*Every Second.*

21 Phone calls are made.

16 Pieces of mail pass through the office.

4 Towels are handed out.

3 Baths are taken.

2 Beds are used.

3 Meals or lunches served.

\$1.56 are paid toward conduct of local work.

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Stanley Evans, of Portland, writes:

Some of the best things in connection with our ten-day campaign for new members were:

The new men who were enlisted for service in behalf of the movement, and the vision they received.

The scope of the work of the Railroad Department realized by some of our own members for the first time.

The interest in our local work manifested by many men who, just at this time, were unable to take a membership.

The belief by many that we can do what we say we will, because we made good in going so far over the 30,000 goal, when they said it could not be done.

The touch with the new members open additional avenues for service, especially just at this time when, here in New England, the interest in the welfare of the soul is uppermost in the minds of so many. To bring the unsaved to Jesus Christ is the supreme task before us now.



**Below Is Given**

A year of Association activities, as they have been designed to develop symmetrical manhood:

Bible Study—Commission, 80 Courses,  
Co-operation: Association, Church,  
Shop and Home.

152,350 Regular Students.

Religious Meetings—Evangelistic: In  
Association, Church, Hall, Shop,  
Street, Sunday, P. M.

Over 100,000 per year.

Lectures and Talks—Educational, Inspi-  
rational, Vocational, Technical.

Over 18,000 per year.

Educational Classes—Commercial, In-  
dustrial and Academic, Day and  
Evening Schools.

Over 80,000 Regular Students.

Physical Training—Gymnasiums, Nor-  
mal Body Building, Health.

Over 400,000 use privileges.

Athletic League—Hexathlon Contests,  
Matched Games.

Over 15,000 Teams.

Employment—Situations Secured; Meets  
a real need.

Over 65,000 positions obtained.

Association Camps—Increasing Use and  
Need; Vacation 1 to 2 weeks.

Over 25,000 use such Camps.

Sick—Care, Comfort and Visit; Hos-  
pitals.

Over 50,000 cases.

Social—Receptions; Get-to-gethers.

Over 40,000 events.

Conversions—Goal of Association; Re-  
lating Men to Jesus Christ as per-  
sonal Saviour.

Over 24,600 reported.

Unite with Church—For Christian Serv-  
ice in the Church.

8,281 reported.

**His Happy Thought.**


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An operator for a western railroad, who had served his country long and well, was called into the office one day and asked if he thought he could hold down the job of night dispatcher. He promptly replied that he could, and was told to report for duty that night, and his chief instructed him in what he was to do. Just after the chief left the office it began to blow and snow, and the trains commenced to run late. The new night dispatcher soon had developed a bad case of "rattles," and almost cried. He did not want an accident, and he could not handle the trains. So a happy thought struck him. As fast as a report came in he replied, directing the conductor to take a siding and wait for orders, and it was not a great while until he had every train on the division sidetracked. Then he took a book, lighted his pipe and sat down to wait for daylight. In the morning the chief appeared, with anxiety written all over his face.

"Any accidents, Johnny?" asked the chief.

"Not an accident. I've got 'em all on the sidetrack, and snowed in and waiting for orders, and you will have to get 'em out. I am going to blow this job." It took the chief and his force nearly all day to get the trains straightened out and traffic resumed on the road.

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The world is full of kickers; and that's what most of us are kicking about.

# Figures Tell the Story.

## REPORTS OF SECRETARIES SHOW UNUSUAL RESULTS OF ARMY Y. M. C. A. WORK ON MEXICAN BORDER.

A conservative tabulation made from the reports of secretaries in charge of the work in the camps of troops along the Mexican border shows unusual activities and large figures for the period beginning with the inauguration of the Young Men's Christian Association work in July and extending to November 1st. The figures follow:

Buildings erected and in operation...	42
Tent outfits .....	6
Traveling equipment for Big Bend district .....	1
Service extended to Pershing's column by means of army trucks transporting supplies.	
Different men employed as secretaries since work began.....	315
Secretaries actually employed at present.....	169
Attendance at buildings.....	3,445,151
Letters written .....	2,392,092
Attendance at entertainments and special events .....	548,992
Attendance at Bible Classes.....	6,847
Copies of the Scriptures distributed..	20,894
Personal interviews .....	7,290
Decisions for the Christian life.....	3,823
Forward Step decisions.....	11,529
Visits to sick.....	88,606
Attended religious meetings.....	610,260
Running expenses per day.....	\$1,500
Cash required to meet all obligations to January 1st.....	\$73,000

Since the beginning of the work—

- 90 tons of writing paper have been used.
- 70 tons of magazines.
- 29 motion picture machines.
- 59 libraries of 100 volumes each.
- 60 graphophones.
- 400 graphophone records.

At special evangelistic services, representatives of the following denominations have spoken:

12 Baptist.	8 Episcopalian.
12 Presbyterian.	5 Christian.
9 Methodist.	3 Congregationalist.
30 Y. M. C. A. Secretaries (und denominational).	

## The Dog and the Order.

In the early days of the telegraph, "reading by sound" was unknown. The Morse characters were automatically printed upon slips of paper, the process being similar to that of the modern "ticker." From the slips the messages were translated by the operator.

A new operator was employed in a little office on a certain western road, and he, as many new operators of the present day, found it most difficult to intelligently explain any situation over the wire.

One day the train dispatcher was sending a long order to a freight train at this particular office. The slip of paper was slowly unwinding from the register and the conductor of the train was absentmindedly amusing himself by wrapping the coils of paper around a dog's neck, the said canine being a stray which had come into the office and found it a comfortable place in which to take his afternoon nap.

As the last words of the order were being sent, the dog suddenly awoke, and, seeing a stray cat passing the door, made a sudden lunge for it. The cat ran under the station building, being followed by the dog, with the untranslated train order dangling from his neck.

The operator and entire train crew spent a quarter of an hour or more trying to dislodge the temporary custodian of the order, but the dog had more important matters on hand trying

to reach the cat, which had taken refuge upon a crossbeam of the station supports. Threats and entreaties were unavailing, and had only the effect of urging the dog to renewed efforts to reach his hereditary enemy.

When they returned to the office, the operator found that the dispatcher was all but burning the insulation off the wires calling him.

"What's the matter with you?" asked the dispatcher. "Go ahead and repeat that order."

"Can't do it," replied the operator. "The dog ran away with it."

All efforts upon the part of the dispatcher to secure a satisfactory explanation of the peculiar situation were met with the same reply: "The dog ran away with it."

At the next stop of the train the conductor received a message instructing him to report to the dispatcher's office upon his arrival and explain "What that fool operator meant by saying that the dog had run away with their order, for it was beyond him to even guess."

This probably is the only instance on record where a train was delayed through the crew trying to induce a dog to give up their running orders.—  
By J. F. RILEY.

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Chicago has 35,095 members in 29 centers; expenses, \$1,041,861; gives for army and foreign work, \$132,117; has property worth \$4,875,000, an increase of \$244,000; students number 3,606, secretaries 142, employees 645, on committees 3,688.

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Sixteen merchant ships are interned at Manila with 53 of the German crews in the Association gymnasium twice a week. They study English and have a shipboard Bible class, the leader being a young German theologian. Incidentally the two years' loss on these ships totals nearly \$8,000,000.

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The uniform is equivalent to a membership card at Buffalo Central. The employment department is at the service of the soldier.



# THE SPENDTHRIFT.

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By HERVEY SMITH McCOWAN, Author of "The Trail a Boy Travels."

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MY FRIENDS, for twenty years I have been looking for the man who never saved a dollar in his life and is glad of it.

I have not found him.

But I knew a man who lived to be seventy years of age and could not fill out a check. He had never signed one because he never had a bank account.

He is dead.

He died a pauper.

He left his wife in suffering poverty.

His shroud is the wedding suit of the friend who dressed him for burial.

He lies to-day in a coffin bought by kindly neighbors.

And he sleeps his last sleep within the weed-grown grave of the Potters Field.

When he died he left this epitaph to adorn the board which marks his tomb:

"Here lie the remains of a SPENDTHRIFT.

"I never saved a dollar in my life.

"I never prepared against the Day of Misfortune.

"I never took out a Life Insurance policy.

"I never owned a home of my own.

"I never had a Bank Account.

"There are debts which I have never paid and never can pay.

"My life has been a failure and I want the world to let the grass grow over my grave and forget that I ever lived."

(Signed) A SPENDTHRIFT.

### Woman's Auxiliary Membership Campaign.

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The Auxiliary has started a campaign to double their membership by March 1. This will mean a membership of two hundred, and will add materially to the active workers of the organization, a very desirable addition at this time when the Auxiliary is planning to co-operate with the Association in a larger way. The Auxiliary is planning a thorough reorganization, and to add to its force of committee workers so that a more extensive work may be possible.

A large list of prospective members has been prepared, and the following list of workers have been organized for the hustle:

Campaign leader, Mrs. B. E. Carpenter; captain team No. 1, Mrs. John Flanders; captain team No. 2, Miss Florence Smith; captain team No. 3, Mrs. Harrie Bragg; captain team No. 4, Mrs. M. W. Caverley; captain team No. 5, Mrs. O. T. Spaulding; captain team No. 6, Mrs. V. J. Bennett.

Members of the teams are as follows:

Team No. 1—Mrs. O. C. VanDemark, Mrs. Jennie Phelps, Mrs. C. H. Osgood, Mrs. W. D. Spaulding.

Team No. 2—Mrs. Frank Hudson, Mrs. Charles Titcomb, Mrs. Frank Wright, Mrs. Walter Valia.

Team No. 3—Mrs. P. O. Farrar, Mrs. F. E. Bean, Mrs. Fred Burnham, Mrs. Fred Cilley, Mrs. Walter Gray.

Team No. 4—Mrs. M. L. Beers, Mrs. Myra McKeag, Mrs. E. E. Senter, Mrs. Kenniston, Mrs. Guy Morton.

Team No. 5—Mrs. Mattie Pettengill, Mrs. E. W. Saltmarsh, Mrs. George Lovejoy, Mrs. Arthur George, Mrs. John Ring, Mrs. D. H. Carpenter.

Team No. 6—Mrs. Frank Jutras, Mrs. John Sullivan, Mrs. Ray Cutler, Mrs. Walter Dennerly.

The campaign will continue until

March 1, the workers divided into groups of three teams each, and meeting at regular intervals for reports.

Thursday, February 22, will be the date of the annual supper to be given by the Woman's Auxiliary. Supper will be served from 5 to 7 o'clock at 25c per plate. This supper is open to the public, both men and women. The proceeds of this supper go toward the regular budget of the Auxiliary.

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Est. Field—300,000.

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Est. Field—2,000,000.

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Massachusetts has the local option system and the city elections came in December. When Boston went "wet," the news was sent broadcast that "Billy" was licked, and his Boston campaign was petering out. Note the facts: Six cities changed from "wet" to "dry": Fall River, Fitchburg, Haverhill, North Adams, Salem and Taunton. The aggregate population of these is 289,293. The smallest, North Adams, with 22,035, had been continuously "wet" for 29 years. Billy made special trips on his "rest days" to Fall River and Fitchburg; each time voters crowded the great armory. Not a city changed from "dry" to "wet." Then the governor of Maine has had his hand tremendously strengthened by the rising tide of public sentiment.

As to the campaign "petering out": Just at Christmas time there was a "let up" in the pressure on the taber-

nacle space due to the holiday season, and a period of bad weather, the worst driving rain and sleet storms in years. Note the headlines of January 17th dailies: "More than 30,000 at two meetings yesterday" and "Fully 10,000 turned away last night." Because of the tremendous crowds, the committee asked Mr. Sunday to preach the same sermon afternoon and evening each day and thus relieve the evening pressure.

"Rest days" are as busy as working days. On Monday, January 8, the trip to Hanover was made; old Dartmouth College responded royally. The next Monday, after a morning address to the Evangelical Alliance at Park Street Church, which was filled with ministers, Billy hurried on a special train to Middletown, Conn., where all of Wesleyan was gathered in the Memorial Chapel and every available inch was filled with visiting delegations and specially invited men of the town. There was a really remarkable response, practically every man in the college taking his stand for Christ and the right. From the viewpoint of potentiality, the college meetings may mean as much as the multiplied thousands of the Tabernacle.

Boston is deeply stirred. Religion is talked everywhere. But it will take state-wide or nation-wide prohibition to make Boston "dry"—because the business men, just as in New York, live in suburbs, and these are dry, some of them six to one.—E. W. HEARNE in *Association Men*.



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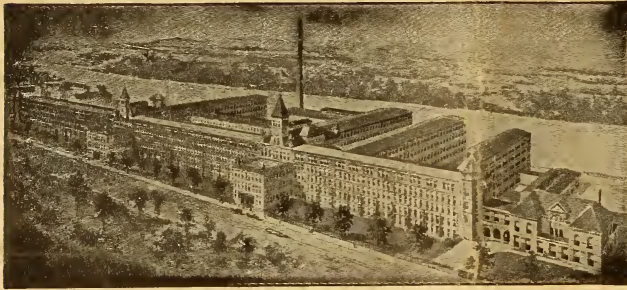
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